



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

→ Israel - (567)
USS Liberty
Claim
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file)
R.

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July 9, 1980

MEMORANDUM

To: L - Mr. Mark B. Feldman
From: L/C - Fabian A. Kwiatek *zak*
Subject: USS LIBERTY Claim Against Israel

There is attached for your clearance and approval a memorandum to Mr. Newsom from Mr. Saunders (in lieu of a formal Circular 175 authorization) regarding the renewal of negotiations with the Government of Israel for compensation for damages caused by the Israeli attack on the USS LIBERTY during the June 1967 war.

The memorandum was written after the bureau spent approximately two hours discussing the facts and circumstances of the case with me. I reluctantly agreed to discuss the matter, pointing out that jurisdiction was assigned to L/NEA (Mr. Small), but acquiesced when the bureau pleaded that I had the institutional knowledge of the facts, circumstances and law surrounding the claim, as well as institutional knowledge about other claims settlements.

I have reviewed the memorandum and concur therein, except for the corrections noted.

Attachment:
Draft Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR	
REVIEWED BY <i>Wm. Kelly</i>	DATE <i>1/24/83</i>
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